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THE WORK OF RECONSTRUCTION

The present state of the world offers almost unlimited opportunities to the economists, the moral philosophers and the poli ticians to proclaim abroad their remedies, and these gentlemen are not letting any chances slip. Almost as many nostrums are being offered as there are ills, which is saying a great deal. Everybody with a pen, a pulpit or a position is prescribing, along with the man in the street whose audience is only his friend, his wife and his chance acquaintance. But after all the great panacea is Time. Time will finally set all things straight that are now awry.

Natural laws work slowly, and not "all your piety nor wit" can run ahead of them. Humanity is in travail, because millions of them for five years devoted the greater part of their energies to destructive instead of productive labor. The sower turned from his harrowed field, the weaver from his loom and the mechanic from his bench to bear rifles and follow the Furies across the face of the earth and toil in the quarries of Hate. By the sweat of their brows men have not produced bread these years as God has commanded. Therefore, Famine and Pestilence are having their day.

Despite all the pretty conceits of the human mind, the Creator is an implacable master and insists upon the exact operation of His law at all times. When humanity has satisfied this law and paid off the debt contracted in the course of the world war, humanity may again enjoy its normal modicum of happiness. In the meantime the quickest way to pay off the debt is to do as much work as possible and consume as little as possible. The fact of robbing Peter to pay Paul does not liquidate the debt, and the sooner this is recognized the better it will be for the world. Harum-scarum legislation will only prolong the agony of rehabilitation.

The times are perplexing-there is no disputing that; but those who are willing to work will survive them. Those who will not nor can not will be ground under the heavy chariot of Circumstance. This is a brutal fact, but it is life. The world is no bed of roses; it has never been, nor will it ever be. Existence involves much toil, sacrifice and disappointment. But through it all there runs a strong leaven of justice, which pays men at least a certain return for what they put into the world. Virtue and brains are not always rewarded according to their due, and toil goes often uncompensated; the villian sometimes prospers while the good man languishes in misfortune. But in the great accounting intelligent, honest and persistent endeavor will bring more of the world's good things to a man than idleness, self-indulgence and knavery. This truth is as much a truth today as it was the morning Adam awoke in the Garden of Eden and found his midriff miraculously turned into a woman called Eve.

The best solution for what ails the world is "work."

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The forces of destruction which have prevailed throughout the world will only be put to rout by shoulder-to-shoulder efforts. By giving your very best to the constructive task at hand you can do your part toward world reconstruction.

TEACHERS' SALARIES

The telegram sent to Governor Roberts by the Memphis Chamber of Commerce committee urging more pay for the teachers at West Tennessee Normal has served to bring to the fore the totally inadequate appreciation shown by cities, counties and states

Except the minister, there is scarcely a single line of activity requiring more conscientious preparation than teaching. The minister cares for the soul of the human being. Upon the teacher, however, devolves most of the early training that must make for future moral stability or finally allow the child to develop into a menace.

Teachers, like other professional servants, must keep alert to

Teachers, like other professional servants, must keep alert to improve. They must be constantly educating and fitting themselves. This costs money.

Recently surveys in other cities have shown that teachers, even the ones in the higher lines of their calling—university and college professors—today make less than the day laborer or the skilled mechanic.

The teachers have become insistent only after years of helpless battle against unfair odds. They have taken such steps, not eagerly, but of necessity. Condemnation has been their lot at the outset. Yet the mere fact that teachers, who must have above the average intelligence, have found it necessary to present organized protests indicates there is something radically wrong.

Thousands of female teachers have deserted the ranks during the past few years for other fields of endeaver. Many have married to gain homes and escape the losing battle against the rising.

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ried to gain homes and escape the losing battle against the rising cost of living. "The laborer is worthy of his hire" was never more true than today, when all other lines of useful work are demanding higher salaries. The movement to secure better salaries for the West Tennessee Normal teaching stafi, as well as for the teachers in our city schools, should have the moral support of all right-thinking citizens of the city and state. thinking citizens of the city and state.

"Two Suits for \$10,000"-Headline. Keep your seat, Reggie this is not the announcement of a bargain day in clothing. It is merely the headline on a newspaper story concerning two

At the present price of railroad fare the state Democratic convention may have to change its policy of electing delegates to the national convention, and convict those to be sent to San Francisco.

Viscount Grey may come to realize that the maxim which says it is dangerous to write letters to women applies to Miss Columbia as well as any others of the gentler and more talkative

The hint that the collapse in foreign exchange may cause old John L. High-Cost to take a tumble probably gives the common people a good bit of malicious satisfaction.

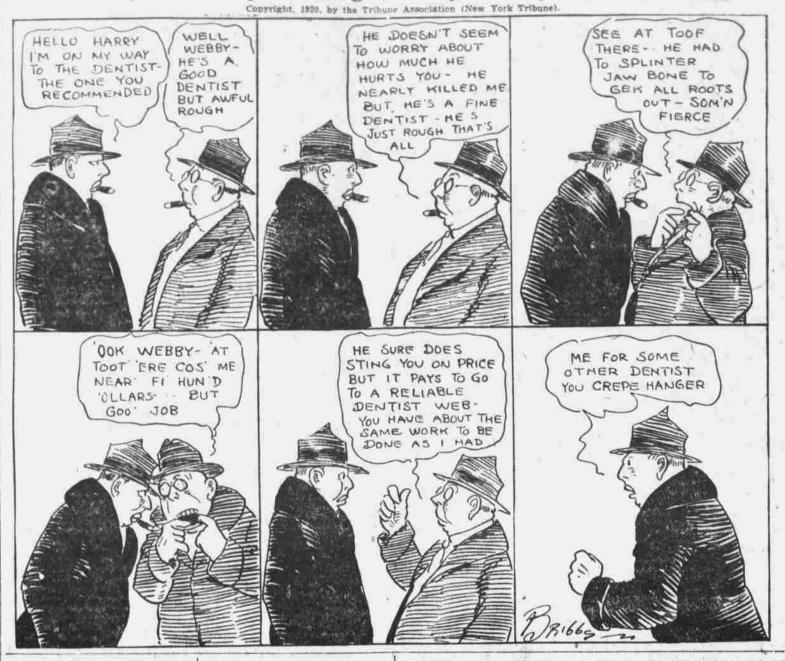
The young Russian woman who is reported to have effected the execution of 400 anti-Bolshevik officers was not a waitress in a quick lunch cafe.

Perhaps the landlords who advertise "no dogs or children will be allowed" have had something to do with the decline of the birth rate in America.

Many a woman who marries because she is hungry for love hoe from his desk nearby. gets a divorce for the same reason a few years later.

The road to Reno is paved with good intentions.

Somebody Is Always Taking the Joy Out of Life-By Briggs



Public Discussion

To The News Scimitar:
It seems that the old world has slipped a cog: in fact, its axle seems bent. War, pestilence and famine, Boisheviki, anarchy and disorder run riot. Russia is still red with blood; pestilence—influenza and kindred ills—ravage the United States; famine stalks in many countries of Europe, earthquakes of recent origin have destroyed life and property in Mexico. The seismograph of the University of Chicago recently registered a severe quake. Labor receives more money than eyer bea splendid separate. Today we rush apples. Today we rush apples. Today we rush apples. Today we rush apples. Today we rush are driving—money. The churches are driving—everybody drives. We are living in days extraordinary. No time for courtesy. Thank you, are obsolete words. The monopolies and profiteers have cornered the earth and have options on the planets. Prohibition covers the country like a dry blanket, and the hip pocket has lost its bulge.

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this ag, will be the storm center for
a popular demonstration that may be
tollowed by grave results.
Mexico is still subject to a direction
of the planets that bales ill for speedy
peace. A neverment of United States
troupes within a year appears to be
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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q.—Into how many periods is Christian church history divided?—J. M. P. A.—With much diversity of opinion on minor points, there is a general agreement in dividing the history of the church into three great periods—the first, from the birth of Christ to the time of Constantine; the second, from that epoch to the Reformation, and third from the Reformation to the present time. present time.

Q.—What is the religious belief of M. Poincare, the retiring president of the French republic?—M. F. V. A.—The French embassy in Washington says that he is a Roman Catholic. Q. What do the letters "G. O. P." stand for in reference to the Republican party?—F. G. W. A.—They stand for Grand Old Party, which is a political term used in speak-ing of the Republican party.

Q.—What was the weight of the largest potato ever grown?—L. M. H. A.—The department of agriculture says that the weight of the largest potato recorded in their office is between

in water, an occasional piece of apple or banana, roasted peanuts, dry crack-ers. Plenty of water and gravel should be kept in the cage. The parrot's cage should be cleaned every day.

Q -What service in the navy is some-A.—The navy department says that the mine sweeping forces of the United States navy are known as the Suicide Club.

What pensions will be allowed to today. Saturn and Uranus have power to gain personal acciain by desire to gain personal acciain by

THE HASKIN LETTER MORE ABOUT HELIUM

BY FREDERIC J. HASKIN.

war came to an end.

The interesting thing about helium now is the fact that it seems to afford the safest means of flying yet discovered. If helium is found in the quantities which experts believe to exist, it is quite probable that all of us will be safely traveling by air much sooner than would have been possible with heavy the heavier-than-air machines to only the heavier-than-air machines to rely upon. ely upon. While believers in helium do not un-

derestimate the possibilities of the airplane, they regard the hellum-infiated balloon as the safest and most practical airship, especially for long voyages. They declare that the dirigible can travel a much greater distance than the circums without stopping for fuel. the airpiane without stopping for fuel that it affords a much smoother way to

Heretofore the greatest danger in balloon travel has been the highly inflam-mable character of hydrogen, and this one difficulty has been so great as to practically eliminate the dirigible as a

Q.—What pensions will be allowed to the Waller bill, now bending in congress, becomes a law?—E. W. N.

A.—The terms of the Fuller bill provide that the minimum pension of a veteran of the Civil war will be \$50 per month, partial disability \$12, and total disability \$10. This proposed interase in pensions for Civil war veterans will not be retroactive as was the Sweet bill, recently passed by congress, granting increased compensation to the disabled soldiers of the world war.

Q.—Has a willow with a family and who maintains a home, the right of an exemption of \$2,000 in making out her income tax return?—R. M. W. A.—A wildow who maintains a home the children may claim the same exemption in that allowed a married man. If the children are minor children, and solely dependent entire me in a point her, she may claim an additional exemption of \$2000 for cach.

Q. How would I proceed to bring my brother and sister to America from Poland?

A. Instruct your lengther and sister in the Poliah government and take these to the nearest American consul for vise of approval. When this is incomplished the requirements of the immigration laws at the point of entry.

A. The bureau of biological survey says deer shed their horns once every year.

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AND ONE ration.

AND A well-worn road.

FROM SOMEWHERE cise.

THAT SEEMED to end.

AT THE barroom door. AND FROM the north.

AND FROM the south.

CAME ROLLING miles.

ALL GLISTENING white.

AND FROM every house.

CAME A shaft of smoke.

IN THE bitter cold.

OF THE great outdoors.

AND A lone man stood.

AS THE train sped by.

TO KEEP them warm. AND A fluttering thing.

ON THE barroom door.

TURNED INTO crepe. SO THAT we knew.

THERE WAS humor left.

IN SPITE of the death.

AND IN spite of the fact.

FROM SOMEWHERE else.

WITH ALL their warmth.

AND THAT trains roared through.

THAT WHERE It lay.

WAS MILE on mile.

IN THE little town,

OF BARLEYCORN.

AND CLAPPED his hands.

THAT WENT straight up.

WITH WINTER snows.

AND A winter sun.

AND EAST and west.

OF PRAIRIE land.

AT A hitching post.

Daily Editorial Digest

THIS column is designed to reproduce without bias the latest comment by the leading newspapers and periodicals on the questions of the day.

Railroad to Bagdad.

The opening of the Bagdad-Gulf railroad will not prove the great commercial success anticipated unless it redeems the whole Mesopotamian region
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deems the whole Mesopotamian region from its poverty and squalor. And this it can do by providing an incentive to agriculture and assisting in the extensive plans of irrigation needed to convert 6,999,900 acres of desert into farm land. Such conversion as is possible in Mesopotamia has proved in our Western country wonderfully fruitful in productiveness.

The work already alone along the lines of this railroad are Arabian-Night like in the transformation that has already come. Pure drinking water, systems of sewerage, telegraph and telephone wires, are already there. Railway cars loaded with silk, myrch, gold and dragon's blood have taken the place of the slow-moving carave—s of camels. Trains speed over saindy wastes, cutting fourneyings by hundreds of miles by bridging crevices and piercing mountains.

The possibilities are immense, even though the greater part of the land to be served has been characterized as a miserable whiderness of Barren desert alternating with vost swamps with only 10 inhabitants othe square mile. This Mesopotamia is the land that in the long ago was called "the grannary of the world." Its deterioration was caused by wars, pestifience, and the lack of distribution of its 12 milions of acres under cultivation and with only 10 inhabitants of the square mile. This Mesopotamia is the land that in the long ago was called "the grannary of the world." Its deterioration was caused by wars, pestifience, and the lack of distribution of its water supply. The railroad has the world "lying dormant awalting cholonists, The new line of railroad is but the beginning of what promises to be the greatest human enterprise to be the greatest human enter

Minority Rule in Ireland.

In the United States the minority in every election is obliged to submit to the will of the majority and it does not feel that in doing so it is coerced. But England, which has her 'learned writers over here boasting that she is the mother of American liberty, refuses to allow majority rule to prevail in Ireland. That is a sample of the beneficent type of British democracy of which her propagandists are boasting in this country.

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In Ireland the Ulster minority has a veto power upon the rights of the nation. That was the case in the convention held a couple of years ago. Because the majority would not abandon its demand for home rule and agree with Carson, the world was informed that the Irish people could not agree upon what they wanted. Under the proposed plan of home rule the formation of a central parliament would depend on the consent of Ulster. That is one of the reasons why it will probably not be accepted. Its aim is to perpetuate the ascendancy of Ulster and to keep up a pretense of sectional strife when none exists except what is fostered by the government in Ulster.

If the Irish people were left to themselves they could live as peacefully as any people on earth, but the pampered Ulster clique of which Carson is the leader wants to rule the roost, and that is what it is doing with the support and collusion of Premier Lloyd George.—Providence Tribune (Ind. Rep.)

The Demand for Diamonds. WASHINGTON. Feb. 6.—A large commercial company for the production of helium has just been formed, with retired officers of the United States air service among its directorate. At the most wonderful of all, involving exame time the government is initiating a survey of the helium resources of the United States. It is confidently beliated that these are very large and they are the only known helium fields in the world.

Helium, you know, is the noninflammable gas which is now used in place of hydrogen for the filling of dirighle balloons. A former Haskin Letter told balloons. A former Haskin Letter told balloons. A former Haskin Letter told balloons are amendated to the service and to an end.

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natural gas, including nitrogen, become liquefied when cooled to about 328 degrees Pahrenheit, but the helium remains a gas even at this exceedingly low temperature, and is thus easily separated.

The principle by which these exceedingly low temperatures are obtained is one known to every motorist who has been unfortunate enough to have to blow up one of his own tires. When the air is compressed in a tire it become hot; then if the air is allowed to escape, it becomes cool.

Similarly the natural gas is put under a very high pressure and then refrigerated, and when allowed to cool it becomes so coid that all of its constituents, with the exception of helium, become liquids. The liquid, after being separated from the helium, is then allowed to warm up and when it has returned to its normal gaseous state is put back in the mains and used for fuel.

from London with becoming cheerfulness. The fact that the De Beers company alone made a net profit of more than \$20,000,000 last year means little



AND BRILLIANT lights. AND ALL their wealth. AND NEVER stopped. AND THE last of the town. THAT WE could see. AS THE train went on. WAS A prairie mound. A WHITE-PENCED place. WITH A dozen graves. AND THAT was all. AND I don't know. IF IT was the graves. OR THE closed saloon. WITH PTS mourning crepe. OR WHAT it was, BUT ALL afternoon. I'VE SAT me here. IN MY big plush seat. AND PICTURES have come. AND THE one that stayed. WAS THAT of a man. FROM SOMEWHERE east. OR SOMEWHERE south. AND I see him there. AND HE goes away. AND BRINGS a mate. AND I see her there. IN THAT desolate place. AND SEE the saloon. AND THE miles of snow. AND THE roaring trains. THAT NEVER stop. AND WISTFUL eyes. THAT LOOK to the east. OR LOOK to the south. AND THEN at a mound. IN THE white-fenced place. I THANK you.

to most of us. Diamonds are luxuries that can well be foregone in these days when popular attention is so much centered on the price of bacon and of coal.

—Seattle Post Intelligencer (Ind. Rep.).

That Carranza-Huerta Story.

It is being announced as something wholly new that the Huerta-Carranza break arose because Huerta asked Carranza what he had done with certain money forcibly taken from a banking institution at Saltillo. Carranza either could not or would not explain, and the upshot was a quarrel and the commencement of the Carranza campaign to "liberate" Mexico? This job Venustiano finally accomplished with the aid of Mr. Wilson and Pancho Villa.

Really there is nothing novel about the Saltillo story. It was given full publicity about the time it occurred, and on the strength of it a good many people in the United States fell into the habit of referring to Carranza as the "first thief." Only after a long interval was any serious effort made to contradict the account. A whitewashing process was however finally used and for the last two or three years the old dictator's apologists have been regularly holding him up as a model of probity and honor.—Detroit Free Press (Ind.).

Liners to South Africa.

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Brasilians who are attending the Pan-American financial conference being held in Washington are agitating for an ocean steamship line to be established between their country and New York city. Regardless of the merits of the plan by which they desire to consummate such, the fact remains that a regular liner service would aid in promoting better relations between the two Americas.

Banks and private business houses within the past year have succeeded in establishing financial relations with the South American countries, but there has been little shipping facilities for some time. This is especially true in regard to accommodation for passengers.

We need an exchange of visitors with

regard to accommodation for passengers.

We need an exchange of visitors with those south of Panama as well as an exchange of commerce. The average American knows little or nothing of this southern continent, and the establishment of a liner service would be an incentive for the American tourist as well as the American business man to "invade" the southlands.—Nashville Tennessean (Dem.)

Holders of Liberty bonds should not be disturbed because they have again fallen in price on the New York exchange, following advances in discount rates. Unless compelled to sell, people should hold fast to them.

Several reasons may be given for the declines. First, of course, is the desire of subscribers who have not made full payments to unload rather than pay payments to unload rather than pay banks 5½ per cent for the money they still owe on their subscriptions. But there also is a considerable number of large speculators in securities and comment war bonds as collateral against loans. With the federal reserve board using every means to curb speculative operations, and the stock market and commodities reflecting this movement by becoming more settled, the incentive for extensive borrowing for such pur-poses naturally disappears. This is just what the government authorities desire.

And while it may result in heavy unloading of Liberty bonds by this class of holders, with consequent declines, such operations will soon be at an end. When they are one may reasonably expecting to take a neward course.

prices to take an upward course.—Cleve-land Plain Dealer (Ind. Dem.). American Army Deserters. Deserters from the United States army in France still make Paris a ren-dezvous and carry on their nefarious thievery and criminal life to the dis-gust of the French and the embarrass-

ment of their own country. There are said to be no less than 1,000 men of the A. E. F. who quit their posts of duty and since that time led a freebooter's e patience of Paris is about ex-

taken to all manner of stealing to earn a livelificod. Though court-martial has been handed out to many who have been arrested, by far the greater majority has escaped punishment.

It is difficult to understand what motive a young man would have in yielding to a mad impulse to give up his military duties and lead the life of a brigand in a foreign land. We wonder sometimes what kind of soldiers these same young men made when they wore the khaki and fought with the other loyal troops from the U.S.A. Very little sympathy will go out to them in their recklessness. They have broken a military haw and should be punished.—Springfield (O.) Dally News (Dem.).

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS. The Toledo Blade, which says there

The Toledo Blade, which says there
something fascinating about Mr.
Gryan's mouth when it is closed, is
suspected of having kedaked him while
asleep.—Columbia Recard.
According to suicide statistics, newspaper editors appear to be immune.
They don't think it worth the effort.
Somebody always is around threatening to kill them.—Sloux City Daily Tribune.

But how did the wireless operators on Mars get the Morse code?—Pittsburgh Dispatch.
The dollar may not "go far," but it certainly keeps going.—Providence Tri-

certainly keeps going.—Providence Tribune.

Holland is so reluctant to give up the wood sawyer that one might think it, too, is suffering from fuel shortage.—Minneapolis Tribune.

Winter may be half over according to the calendar, but it is all of four-fifths over according to the coal bin.—Rochester Democrat and Chronicle.

If Admiral Sims is right, we must have been licked and didn't know it.—Norfolk Ledger Dispatch,

It is claimed that a "soviet" exists in the federal prison at Fort Leavenworth. Well, that's the place for soviets, all right.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Target practice in the navy should not be confined solely to shooting at Secretary Daniels.—Charleston News and Courier.

If Mars is really trying to open a wireless correspondence with the world, it probably is for the purpose of asking the meaning of the red biotches on her surface.—Topeka Daily Capital.

the meaning of the red blotches on her surface.—Topeka Daily Capital.

At going rates of exchange a castle in Hungary costs very little more than a castle in Spain.—Manchester Union.

Mr. Garfield says the coal policy of the nation was unsound, but the trouble with Mr. Garfield's policy was there was too much sound about it.—Louiswith Post.